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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this Patent Application, particularly in view of the above Amendment and the following remarks. No additional fee is required for this Amendment as the number of independent claims remains the same, and the total number of claims has been reduced.

Request for Telephone Interview

Applicant kindly requests the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (847) 490-1400 to schedule a telephone interview, to discuss the merits of this Patent Application.

Amendment to the Specification

Applicant has amended the title of the Patent Application to recite a "Control Device for Training an Animal."

Amendment to the Claims

Applicant has amended Claim 1 to include limitations of dependent Claim 4. Applicant has further amended Claim 1 to clarify that the sleeve is

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positioned about the sporting equipment. Support is found on page 7, lines 19-20.

Applicant canceled Claims 4-6 in view of amended Claim 1.

Applicant has amended Claim 11 to clarify that a transmitter module is positioned within a sleeve which is removably fastened about a gunstock.

Applicant has amended Claim 13 to clarify that the sleeve is fastened about the gunstock.

Applicant has amended Claim 19 to included limitations of Claim 20. Applicant has further amended Claim 19 to clarify that the transmitter module is positioned within a sleeve removably fastened about a piece of equipment. Applicant canceled Claim 20 in view of amended Claim 19.

Specification

Applicant has amended the title of the subject Patent Application. Applicant believes that the above Amendment overcomes the objection to the Specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-12, 14-16 and 18-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Kendir et al, U.S. Patent Application 2002/0197584.

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Applicant has amended Claims 1, 11 and 19 as previously discussed and offers the following comments.

Kendir teaches that a base member of a bracket is *connected to* the laser module top surface (paragraph [0033]). Kendir does not teach a transmitter module positioned *within* a sleeve which is removable fastened about a piece of equipment.

Applicant believes that the above Amendment and comments overcome the rejection of Claims 1-12, 14-16 and 18-20.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103

The rejection of Claims 13 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kendir is respectfully traversed. Claims 13 and 17 depend from Claim 11, and are thus patentable for at least the same reasons as Claim 11.

The rejection of Claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kendir in view of Holford, U.S. Patent 5,044,107, is respectfully traversed. Claim 21 depends from Claim 19, and is thus patentable for at least the same reasons as Claim 19.

The rejection of Claim 22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kendir in view of Holford and further in view of Kim et al., U.S. Patent 6,598,563, is respectfully traversed. Claim 22 depends from Claim 19, and is thus patentable for at least the same reasons as Claim 19.

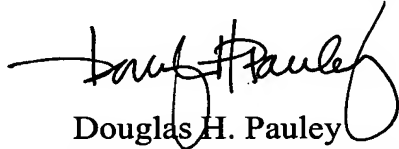
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Conclusion

Applicant intends to be fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action. If the Examiner detects any issue which the Examiner believes Applicant has not addressed in this response, Applicant urges the Examiner to contact the undersigned.

Applicant sincerely believes that this Patent Application is now in condition for allowance and, thus, respectfully requests early allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas H. Pauley", written over the printed name.

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